14 high density traffic corridors which have been broadly identified for development as Expressway type facility. However, the decision in this regard can be taken only after detailed technical feasibility and economic viability studies have been carried out and will be subject to inter-se priority and availability of funds during the Eighth Plan.

Indians having Bank Accounts in Foreign Countries.

4953. SHRI BHAGWAN SHANKAR RAWAT: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that Indian citizens are holding accounts in several banks in foreign countries including Switzerland;

(b) whether the Government have made efforts to find out the amount deposited in each of these banks;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether it is necessary to obtain prior approval of or to inform the Union Government or any institution of the Government to open accounts in banks abroad and to made term deposits there; and

(f) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) the government is aware that Indian citizens residing abroad are holding accounts in several banks in foreign countries including Switzerland.

(b) to (d). there is no mechanism to find out the amount so deposited.

(e) and (f). Indian citizens residing abroad may open and operate accounts or make term deposits in bank abroad but the approval of RBI is necessary for resident Indians to maintain a bank account abroad under Section 8 of FERA, 1973.

[*English*]

Construction of National Highways in A.P.

4954. SHRI DHARAM BAIKSHAM: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of roads in the grid of National Highway which are under construction in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) the amount spent thereon so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b). Six national Highways bearing numbers 4, 5, 7,9,16 and 43 are covered in the grid of National Highways passing through Andhra Pradesh. Development of National Highways is a continuous process and the expenditure incurred on the development of National Highways in Andhra Pradesh during the last three years is as below:

Year	*Expenditure on development works*
	(Rs. crores)
1988-89	12.82
1989-90	21.69
1990-91	22.20